Late Saturday evening we received, through the Custom House, very large shipments, direct from Paris, of Imported Neckwear and French Novelties.

Blouse Fronts, Collarettes, Jabots, Stocks, Collars,

Wrist Bags, Opera Bags, New Buckles. Metal Belts, Sterling Purses.

FLOODS IN THE EAST

CAUSE IMMENSE DAMAGE.

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places by the overflow. To-day the Juniata

River has risen fourteen feet and the Rays-town branch much higher. The farmers along these streams have sustained an in-calculable loss to fences, growing grain and

other property. Many farmers were forced last night to abandon their homes tempo-

RIVERS RISE ONE FOOT AN HOUR.

Easton, Pa., Dec. 15.—The freshet in the Delaware and Lehigh rivers has done seri-

ous damage all through this section. Rail-road traffic is suspended and the water has risen to Front street in this city. Tele-

graph and telephone communication is in

graph and relephone communication is in-terrupted. The rivers are still rising at the rate of a foot an hour, and from advices re-ceived from points up the Delaware Valley the Delaware River will likely continue to rise until midnight. Thousands of dollars' damage has already been done to the big industries at West Easton.

On the Eric Railroad a mile of track near Owego on the Susquehanna division and several hundred feet at Rosa's switch on

several hundred feet at Rosa's switch on the Delaware division are submerged. Two hundred men left here to repair the damage and a dining car was sent from Susque-hanna, with food for the passengers on a train which is blocked at Owego.

The Susquehanna and Delaware rivers are full to the banks and the creeks are the

highest in years. Much damage has been done to property along the lowlands.

HIGHEST SINCE JOHNSTOWN FLOOD.

Bedford, Pa., Dec. 15.—One of the heavi-est winds and rainstorms in its history visited Bedford last night. The rain fell in torrents and a fierce gale shook the build-

nighest point since the Johnstown flood.

Bethlehem, Pa., Dec. 15.—In six hours this morning the Lehigh River overflowed the canal and the adjoining railroad tracks on both sides. Both the Lehigh Valley and

without power, and the churches were

CRIPPLES MANY COAL MINES.

Shamokin, Pa., Dec. 15.—Numerous col-liery sidings near here were washed out, and almost every mine in this region is flooded and will not be operated to-morrow.

THREE LIVES LOST IN WRECK.

Williamsport, Pa., Dec. 15. - A freight train on the Philadelphia and Erie division

of the Pennsylvania Railroad went through

the bridge spanning Lycoming Creek, be-tween this city and Newberry, at 6 o'clock

All restore at sunbury.

The bridge spanning the creek was a two-span iron structure, the first span of which gave way beneath the train. The engine and nine cars were ingulfed in the icy

COAL BARGES SWEPT AWAY.

a "ittsburg, Pa., Dec. 15.—Pittsburg's three rivers at 9 o'clock to-night have passed the danger line, and are still rising, with reports from the headwaters of the Monoga-

hela and Allegheny rivers stating that both streams were still rising.

One of the incidents of the flood occurred

One of the incidents of the flood occurred at 8 o'clock to-night when seventy-five coal barges of the Monongahela River Consolidated Coal and Coke Company, which were tied up at Brown's Landlag, between Pittsbur and Davis Island dam, broke loose and were whirled away by the current. According to the operator at Davis Island Lam the places passed there sheetly

Dam, the pieces passed there shortly at 9 o'clock. There is considerable alarm

MANY INBOUND TRAINS LATE.

Snow Delays All Traffic From the

North and Northwest.

The continued severe cold and heavy winds again delayed inbound trains yester-

day. The morning trains from all direc-

tions were more or less late without excep-

Because of the heavy snow in Northern Illinois. Chicago trains encountered the most obstacles. Most of them were about four hours late, but the Illinois Central, due at 7.29 a. m., did not reach 8t. Louis until 4.40 p. m. Iron Mountain No. 4, due at 7.25 p. m., reached this city at midnight, and the Vandalia from the East, due at 6.40 p. m. arrived at 12:15 a. m. Missouri Pacific and Burlington evening trains were all about two hours late, and the Southern, due at 7.26 p. m., arrived at 11:20 p. m.

Wabush and Baltimore and Ohio night trains were on time.

this morning. Three lives were lost. The dead: John Quarts, engineer. Frederick Glass, fireman.

George Harley, brakeman. All resided at Sunbury.

The Raystown Branch reached its

industries at West Easton.

These have been purchased by our Mr. Johnston, in Paris, since Thanksgiving, and are therefore absolutely new-and no other house in the entire United States has them.

We have marked them closer than usual, as they are peculiarly adapted for the holidays.

Irish Laces.

Also a new shipment of Irish Laces, including Allovers, just received; something every merchant wants, but very few have been able to secure.



TO-DAY'S NEWS IN BRIEF.

WASHINGTON. Senator Hanna declares he would rather new the glory of effecting an agreement setween labor and capital, whereby strikes and lockouts in the future would be impossible—the object of a conference in New fork he will attend to-day—than to be facted President of the United States.

A representative of the United States.

A representative of the New York Reform Club denounces the new Frye shipshady bill as being worse than the old

Prye-Hanna bills, of which he declares the easure to be an impudent resurreces received at Washington show

the Pan-American Congress has
ed a hopeless failure, being irreconcildisrupted over the question of comy arbitration. Argentina will withto-day and Bolivia, Paraguay, Vene-Peru and other States are sure to ber course.

A table prepared by the Treasury Bureau statistics, showing the imports from tropial and semitropical countries into the inited States during the fiscal year 1901, hows the growing dependence of the national states. ows the growing dependence of the na-on upon the tropics for articles of daily

It is not likely that the Philippine tariff Ill will become a law until after the con-rustional recess. The measure will not such the Senate until Thursday, the time bedded upon for adjournment.

Congressmen Payne and Sherman are arged with being members of a mining impany which is seeking Government metion to lease the lands of the Uintah dians in Utah.

LOCAL AND SUBURBAN. position bondholders are said to be pre-ng to foreclose their mortgage. President Francis and Treasurer Thompson of the Louislana Purchase Exposition have returned from their trip to the East. Prominent citizens favor the adoption of s civic flag or emblem.

St. Louis and Eastern manufacturers may combine in one display at the World's Fair,

in Louis and Eastern manufacturers may carbine in one display at the World's Fair.

Joseph J. Novak was found frozen to seath in Baden.

Father Coffey scored the men who use comparing the control of the canal bank bosses say the damage. The canal bank bosses say the damage to the canal will reach \$30,000, while 200 private residences in the flooded district suffer to the extent of nearly \$50,000. Both the electric and gas companies are without powers and the change water process. Forecaster Hyatt says sunshine may sing elightly warmer weather for St. Louis.

the medium of shoppers.

The Health Department was severely crit-

The North St. Louis Business Men's As-notation has declared a preference for ag-time music.

GENERAL DOMESTIC.

A Catholic society has been launched which has for its object the preservation of the faith among the Indians.

As a result of a wreck on the Illinois Central Railroad, between Irene and Pertyville, Ill., eight persons are dead or miseing and eleven others are injured, two critically. Failure of a conductor to obey orders to supposed to have caused the head-on collision.

Foraber faction in Ohio with trying to regarder the State Legislature with a view, if two years hence, defeating Hanna for election as Senator.

The Schley-Sampson controversy may be brashed over in court. The Rear Admiral says that further prosecution of the case to at the discretion of Mr. Rayner. Mr. Rayner believes that the court is the proper place for the next proceedings. A friend of the Rear Admira' offered \$10,000 to defray the expenses in the rext proceeding, but the offer was declined. It is believed that Secretary Long will confine his action to were approval of the report. Three lives were lost by a freight train halling through a bridge near Williamsport, Pa.

Philippines and "" the Philippines and will make his report on the "friar question" to President Room.

The Delaware and Lehigh rivers in Penn vivania have overflowed their banks, dam-ging property to the extent of several undred thousand dollars.

A Texas Judge has decided that the game of that State is invalid, inasmuch as provision prohibiting the taking of game of the State conflicts with the Federal

frman Payne of the Ways and Means Procen hydrants retarded the work of bicago firemen, and two damaging black

Chicago firemen, and two damaging blazes pocurred yesterday.

It is probable, says Representative Joy. hat President Roosevelt will to-day announce his choice for Surveyor of Customs

FOREIGN.

erics is to have reconcentradoes in Philippines. General Bell has notified the Philippines. General Bell has notified the natives of Batangas Province that they must gather within prescribed limits near the towns by December 2s. All outside the lands after that date will be treated as

Republic and Chile has improved, it unsettled and Argentine continues military precautions.

SPORTING Winter baseball practice is now under ray at the State University. Himon was the leading sire on the En-turf last scason and the blood of pin, St. Simon's sire, was predominant of the winning horses.

Marine Intelligence.
louthampton, Dec. Ik.—Arrived: Bremen,
w York, for Bremen.
Issue, Dec. Ik.—Arrived: La Gascogne,

Savre, Dec. 18.—Sailed: Furnessia (from loville, Dec. 18.—Sailed: Furnessia (from longwey), New York.

Quesastown, Dec. 18.—Sailed: Steamer Stie, New York; December 16 (12:15 a. m.)

Safied: Steamer Campania (from Liverant), New York,

Bow York, Dec. 18.—Arrived: Etruria, recreasi; La. Bretagne, Havre; Canadian,

Waist Patterns.

More than 100 exclusive designs in Embroidered French Flannel, put up in handsome boxes,

\$1.50 to \$6.50.



Waist Patterns.

More than 500 styles in Fancy Taffetas Silk, appropriately boxed for

\$1.75 to \$10.00.

We have added to stock during the past week several special purchases of Fabrics, Garments and other articles suitable for gifts-the whole forming a collection of merchandise which connoisseurs and experts will recognize as being the most complete ever shown in St. Louis, and all at moderate prices.

Umbrellas.

This season, as heretofore, we are holiday needs in this line.

These Umbrellas are made from the best materials by one of the largest manufacturers in the United States, and are exceptional

26 er 28 lack roll, paragon frame, horn, pearl and natural wood handles.....\$2.00

Liberty or All-Silk Serge or Taffetas Empress. Silk Umbrellas, steel rod, 26 and 28 to close roll, paragon frame, in black and all desirable

Federal or All-Silk Serge Umbrellas, Mermaid. steel rod, close roll, para-26 and 28 in. Steel rod, close roll, para-gon frame; black, blue, brown, green, wine; case and tassels to match; pearl, ivory and der Boxes, Cologne Bottles, Brushes natural wood handles.........\$4.00 and Combs, Talcum Powder Boxes, Puff Jupiter or Very fine All-Silk Serge

26 and 28 in rod; close roll; paragor frame, black and colors natural wood and fancy handles. \$5.00 Also a full line of the finer grades of Umbrellas, in extensive variety of handles, from \$6 to \$30.00.

of Taffetas Umbrella, steel

NOTE. Initials or Montgram augraved free of charge on all Umbrellas purchased of us during the month of December.

Art Needlework.

Boxes - Handkerchief, Glove and Stamp Boxes and Picture Frames, together with hundreds of small articles that are useful and ornamental. Burnt Leather Novelties-Pillows

Desk Pads, Centerpieces, Needle Books, Stamp and Court Plaster Cases, etc. Sofa Pillows-In large and varied assortment of new designs, hand-painted and embroidered on Satin, Linen and Art Cottons.

Pillow Tops-In all popular mater als, outlined and ready for embroid-ering; more than 500 styles to select

Lace Novelties-Russian, Torchon Venetian, Renaissance, Arabian and Cluny Lace Centerpieces, Scarfs and Materials for all kinds of fancy work,

such as yarns, silks, jewels, braids, Linen Novelties-Magazine Covers,

Needle Books, Stamp Boxes, etc. Baskets-Lined and Unlined Handkerchief, Glove, Work, Scrap and Fancy Small Baskets, in almost endless

Fascinators.

Zephyr Hand-Crocheted Wool, in black and white Wool, extra large size, black and white......5oc Wool, extra heavy, gray and white mixtures......85c Ice Wool, hand crocheted, colors white and black 5oc Ice Wool, extra large size, fancy border \$1.75 Ice Wool, in a variety of new date in Dress and Toilet Requisites for 25c per bolt of 10 yards.

designs\$1, \$1.25, \$2, \$2.75 men can be found in this department. We have sold these Ribbons for 5c yard.

Fancy Goods.

Olive Street Store.

Opera Glasses-Manufactured by ngs \$3.00 to \$35.00

Shell Goods-Real Shell Combs, mounted with sterling silver and solid Neptune or Union Taffetas Silk Um- gold and ornamented with coral, pearl Minerva. brellas, steel rod, close and turquoise.\$3.75 to \$18,00

Leather Goods-Bill Books, Writing Tablets, Card Cases, Desk Clocks, Writing Pads, Pocketbooks, Picture Frames. Letter Cases,

Traveling Bags .- All leather, with o without complete toilet outfits.

manicure and shaving outfits.

Toilet Articles_Mirrors, Tooth Pow-Boxes, Cut Glass and Sterling Silver Flasks, and hundreds of other articles that are both useful and ornamental,

Men's Goods.

Olive Street Store.

Neckwear_1,000 dozen Men's Silk and Satin Four-in-Hands, Tecks, Imperials, English Squares and De Join-rille Scarfs, in large and small figures, narrow and wide stripes and a full line of solid colors, including light shades We invite special attention to our for evening wear50c each This is an exceptional opportunity. These goods are worth 75c each.

Smoking Jackets-Golf cloth, in gray and white, blue and red, black and red, blue and drab, brown and white and solid colors combined with Tartan Plaids \$4.50 to \$11.50 Black and Brown Velvet Jackets.

Elaborately trimmed with satin and edged with silk cord. \$13.50 to \$18.00. Silk Matelasse Jackets-In a variety of exclusive patterns, \$12.50 to \$27.00

Dressing Robes-In a variety of materials that are distinguishable alike for their wearing qualities, artistic patterns and rich colorings, \$7.50 to \$26.50.

Special-A lot of Dressing Robes made of heavy materials, in assorted art colors, regularly worth \$7.50,

Bath Robes-

Slippers-Made of Turkish Toweling, ular prices. \$1.25 per pair. 41/2 and 5 inch Plain All-Silk Double-faced Satin and Taffetas Ribbons, in a full

Made of Felt, assorted colors, all sizes\$1.50 per pair Dress Shirts, Silk Hosiery, Dress Shirt Protect-Silk Underwear, ors, Storm Coats, Umbrellas,

Storm Coats, Walking Canes, Silk Suspenders, And everything that is new and up-to-packages, 25c per bolt of 10 yards.

Women's Garments.

In this department we have on disprepared with complete assortments of our own special makes of
best grade goods to supply your

Spangled Silk Gauze, in a variety of
artistic effects, mounted of ivory, pearl
and shell sticks......\$3.00 to \$75.00

We are always in high favor
for gift purposes. For instance—
Handkerchiefs at the lowest
at which they are obtainable. Women's Fur Neck Pieces—Black hemstitched, 14, 15 and 1 inch hem.

Hudson Bay Sable Scarfs,

Blue and Black Lynx Sets. ried styles and materials, Children's Sets-In choice variety of

Our assortment was never more attractive than now. It includes linen, hemstitched, 1/2 and 1/2 inch hems entitle the holders thereof to make selections and be fitted at their conservations. everything that is new and novel. All-Wool Eiderdown Sacques, \$1.00 to \$5.00

Fancy Silk and Crepe Dressing Sacques, \$10.00 to \$37.50 All-Wool Eiderdown Robes, \$5.00 to \$12.00

Silk Petticoats.

assortment of Plain and Fancy Taffetas Silk Petticoats. It is the most elaborate and elegant line ever assembled by us.

There are tucked effects, accordion pleatings and other handsome styles. rimmed with Point de Paris, Duchesse and Valenciennes Laces, Ribbons and Silk Ruchings.

Also Black and Cream Lace Appliques, in artistic designs on the richest of Taffetas Silk-\$12.50 to \$50.00.

Specials for This Week:

Taffetas Silk Petticoats with accordion pleated flounce, in black and colors, Taffetas Silk Petticoats with double accordion-pleated graduated ruffles, edged Point Venice Lace Collars.

Candiesticks—Russian Brass, Copper and Wrought Iron, all sizes.

Ribbons.

We are showing an exceptionally fine Turkish Toweling Robes \$2.25 to \$9.00 assortment of Ribbons suitable for Fancy Blanket Robes \$5.00 to \$11.00 Work, Decorations, Sashes, Trimming and Millinery Purposes, at less than reg-

> line of solid colors and fancy stripes, 25c per vard. These Ribbons were manufactured to sell for 50c and 60c.

1-inch All-Silk Fancy Brocade Ribbons in assorted light colors, including pink, lue, maize, lavender, desirable for hair ribbons, fancy work and tying holiday

Handkerchiefs.

Hundreds of all kinds of Men's, Women's and Children's pure linen Handkerchiefs at the lowest prices

Handkerchiefs for Men-Plain lines Chinchilla Cluster Scarfs, \$25,00 to \$35.00 Plain white silk, 1/4. 1/4 and 1 inch hem. 25c to \$2.50 Sable and Isabella Fox Sets, \$32.50 to \$65.00 Plain white silk, initial, es...50c to \$1.00 Handkerchiefs for Women-Plain \$32.50 to \$75.00 lines, 1/4, 1/4 and 1 inch hem. 10c to \$2.00 \$37.50 to \$65.00 Plain linen, scalloped and embroidered, thoice variety of

Traveling Companions—Fitted with the prevailing furs.....\$1.75 to \$20.00 Plain linen, both with lace edges and manicure and shaving outfits. Handkerchiefs for Children-Plain The Glove Certificates Issued by us

Plain linen, 1/4 and 1/4 inch hems, 10c to 25c Plain linen, white and colored, hem-stitched or embroidered......15c to 80c Handkerchiefs by the Box-Hem-stitched, plain, white or with colored borders, put up in haudsome boxes Fancy Silk, Crepe, Cashmere and Flaunel Lounging Robes. \$12.50 to \$50.00 Shandkerchiefs, including box. 25c to 500

Women's Neckwear.

Exclusive Paris Novelties. Stocks-Of Plain and Fancy Silks

Soc to \$8.50
Blouse Fronts—Lace, Liberty Silk or
Chiffon, with and without medallions.

French Cabinets—Inlaid Mahogany, Geld Leaf, Vernia, Marten and
Teakwood, each one an exclusive Chiffon, with and without medallions, white, cream and the prevailing colors, 50c to \$10.00 Ruffs-Of Chiffon, Brussels Net and Jabots—Of Lace or Chiffon, with or without collars.........50c to \$8.50 Lamps—Special designs in Bronze, Ties—Black or White Lace or Chiffon Windsor Ties-Varied materials, checks, stripes, plaids and solid colors, 25c, 50c and 75c

Point Venice Lace Collars, \$15.50 to \$25.00 Scarfs and Squares-Made of Liberty ble, Terra Cotta and Bronze. Silk, plain colors and printed effects,

Lace Department.

Duchesse Lace Handkerchiefs, \$1.75 to \$35.00 each Point Loce Handkerchiefs \$6.00 to \$40.00 each Duchesse Lace Collarettes, \$7.50 to \$35.00 each

Duchesse Lace Berthas, \$13.50 to \$40.00 each Duchesse and Point Lace Collars, \$2.00 to \$10.00 each Black and White Hand-Run Spanish Lace Fichus \$4.00 to \$12.50 each Black and White Hand-Run Spanish Nouveau Picture Frames, in a variety Lace Scaris \$4.00 to \$15.00 each of entirely new designs.

Gloves.

For Men and Women.

Every Pair Fitted and Guarantees

Women's Kid Gleves-Our Kid Gloves are selected for the finest retail trade; in quality, fit and workmanship

none are superior. The assortment includes all lengths and sizes, in black, white, street and evening colors, per pair,

75c, \$1, \$1.50, \$1.75, \$2, \$2,25, \$2.50 Women's Golf Gloves-In a variety Fien's Gloves-Heavy Dogskin, one clasp, per pair......\$1.00

Heavy Dogskin, fleece-lined, per pair, \$1.50 Fowne Bros.' Walking Gloves, per \$1.50 pair Fowne Bros.' Castor, per pair\$1.50 Dent's Pique or P. X. M. Kid Glores, one clasp, per pair\$2.00 Boys' Gloves-Glace Kid or fleece-

venience, thereby securing the style, color and size wanted.

Art Goods and Bric-2-Brac.

6 handkerchiefs, including box,
40c to \$1.00 for the selection of holiday gifts, There are only eight more days and those who desire to buy articles combining utility with beauty should visit this department. Our assortment is now at its best,

> novelty. Odd Pieces of Furniture-Weath-

Ties, all widths 50c to \$7.50 Japanese Gongs-Of Bronze a m d other metals, in varied designs and

Jardinieres—Brouse, Aurelias, Jap-anese, Antique Pottery, Brass and Be-nares Were and Russian Copper.

Busts and Figures-Carrara Mar-Pedestals-Italian Marble, Flemish

Oak, etc., in entirely new styles. Potteries - Royal Bonn, Sevres, Italian, Spanish, Japanese, Arabian, Austrian, Holland and other pieces of Pottery.

Oriental Novelties-Placques Vases, Lamps, Lanterns, Turkish Pipes, Masks, etc. Pictures-Framed and unframed

water color Phetogravures, Engrav-ings, colored and uncolored Platino-types, French Facsimiles, hand-paint-ed Porcelain Miniatures. Picture Frames—Metal, gold plate, Italian, Mosaic, Florentine, L'Art

BROADWAY, OLIVE AND LOCUST STREETS.

and nine cars were inguited in the icy waters. The creek was greatly swollen as a result of the heavy rains, and it is presumed the middle pier had been weakened. No efforts could be made to reach the bodies on account of the height of the "NEW SHIP-SUBSIDY BILL

Representative of the New York Reform Club Declares That Senator Frye's New Measure Is an Impudent Resurrection of the Hanna-Frye Bills-Designed to Provide Royal Bounty for the International Navigation and Other Rich Companies Without Exacting Superior Service.

The Republic Bureau, 14th St. and Pennsylvania Ave. Washington, Dec. 15.-John De Witt Warner of New York, who was very pronounced in his opposition to the ship-subsidy bill at the last session, finds equal fault with Senator Frye's new bill. In his opposition he voices the sentiment of himself and of the New York Reform Club, of which he is a eading member. In speaking of the new

"Mr. Frye's new subsidy bill, in support out-is simply a resurrection, in more impudent shape than before, of the worst porion of the Hanna-Frye bills of the last two Congresses, providing a royal banquet for Dives of the International Navigation Company, liberal slices to the New York and Cuba Mail Company, the Pacific Mail Company and the American Mail Company, nd crumbs to a few beggars at the gate. "The Reform Club last year charged that

y the International.

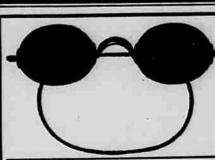
now obliged to hire faster foreign steamers to carry most of our mails. "So far as concerns American seamen national defense, etc., etc., the provisions ried, is an encouragement to subsidized by rates or otherwise to American exports the country are directly favored. In view, nowever, of the fact that ship building is peculiarly a great fron and steel industry. in the other branches of which we are leading the world, in which our biulders are specially favored by free trade in their raw materials and supplies, and in which our great steel and other trusts are seizing foreign markets by low prices, while extorting high rates here, the shipyard have no occasion for subsidy unless to en-

prices to the Steel Trust. "That the Standard Oil Company would be specially favored by the bill as it stands; that, by the simple plan of foreign owner ship of stock in American corporations, for-eign capitalists might largely share the penefits of the bill; that the greater part of the subsidy would go to ships that practically carry fewest exports but bring in most of the immigrants; and that the very ships which would get most are notorio large employers of Chinese and other foreign labor-are the natural birthmarks of the measure which Mr. Hanna (through Mr. Frye) has introduced into Congress just as a year since, in Mr. Frye's name, he ordered Senators to be present to put through its predecessor."

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To start an account with the Mercantile
Trust Co., and we loan you one of our solid
steel Home Savings Banks.

STEAMER CLERK IS DROWNED.

Mark Amerberg of the Spread
Eagle Loses His Life.
Paducah Ky., Dec. is.—Third Clerk Mark
Amerberg of the steamer Spread Eagle,
cne of the Leyhe fleet of St. Louis, with
winter quarters here, was drowned by
breaking through the ice. The remains
were zent to his home, at Grafton, III.
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to be irrigated by them, and that upon the determination that any irrigation project is practicable contracts shall be made for its construction, if the estimate of the engineer shows that the cost will not exceed its per acre on the land to be reclaimed.

After construction the lands to be irrigated are to be subject to homestead entry in areas not exceeding eighty acres upon the entryman's paying 5 per acre into the reclamation fund.

The fund is to be used for the operation. The fund is to be used for the operation and maintenance of reservoirs and firing and maintenance of reservoirs and introduced in the matters of the appropriation and an animesance of reservoirs and integration of private lands at a provided that State laws shall govern the maintenance of reservoirs and integration of private lands at a provided that State laws shall govern that there is sufficient water rights may be sold the irrigation of private lands at a provided that State laws shall be turn of not severed in the first lands are required, as body politic, to co-operate and maintenance in the entity post that there is sufficient water rights may be sold the irrigation of private lands at a provide that there is sufficient water rights may be sold the irrigation of private lands at a provide that there is sufficient water rights may be sold the irrigation of private lands at a provide that there is sufficient water rights may be sold the irrigation of private lands at a provide that there is sufficient water rights may be sold the irrigation of private lands at a provide that there is sufficient water rights may be sold the irrigation of private lands at a provide that there is sufficient water rights may be sold the irrigation of private lands at a provide that there is sufficient water rights may be sold the irrigation of private lands are required.

WORSE THAN THE OLD ONE." -JOHN DE WITT WARNER.

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the old mail-subsidy steal was the backone of the Hanna-Frye programme. Mr.

"Mr. Frye proposes greatly to increase the amount to be paid the International for the work it is unfit to do: although, ment has been forced to depend more and letter service, where fast mails are especially needed-127,328,000 grams weight of letters having been forwarded by the Cunarders against less than 72,000,000 grams The Reform Club last year charged

that not merely was our Government pay-ing the International and other subsidy beggars \$1.60 per pound for carrying letters that it could hire taken by other steamers at 44 cents per pound, but that, furthermore, it was paying the higher price for port of the Superintendent of Poreign Mails for the last year confirm this, but the Frye bill provides for still slower mails at still higher rates by the cool provision that the Postmaster General shall make mail contracts to subserve the national defense and

of the bill are practically the old farces. So far as concerns American exports the subsidy given, not depending on cargo carshipping to do other business, as compared with showing special consideration either "It is true that the great shippards of

able them voluntarily to pay protected

PLAN TO IRRIGATE ARID LANDS. Bill for Reclamation Has Beer Agreed Unpon. Washington, Dec. 15.-The committee of